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PACT FORCES

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1. AT APRIL 1 MEETING, THE MBFR WORKING GROUP - SUBGROUP
ON DATA SUPPORT (SGDS) AGREED TO THE US REP'S REQUEST
(PURSUANT TO GUIDANCE REF A) THAT THE BLUE BOOK FORMATS
NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL THE NATO GROUP ON FORCE DATA MANAGE-
MENT AND ANALYSIS (FDMA) COMPLETES WORK ON THE FORMATS AND
DEFINITIONS FOR THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE (FPDB).
THE SGDS ALSO AGREED TO THE CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST TO CONTINUE
WORK ON DEFINING WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE BLUE BOOK
FORMATS SO THAT HE COULD USE IT AS A USER'S INPUT TO THE
NATO FDMA GROUP CONSIDERATION OF NFPDB DATA REQUIREMENTS.

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2. THE CHAIRMAN TABLED FOR DISCUSSION PROPOSED
FORMATS FOR WARSAW PACT FORCES OUTSIDE THE NGA AND
HUNGARY. IN THE GROUND FORCES FORMAT, DIVISIONS AND
NON-ORGANIC SSM WOULD BE AGGREGATED BY TYPE FOR EACH
COUNTRY OR MILITARY DISTRICT. THE WAR AUTHORIZED
STRENGTH, ACTUAL STRENGTH, MAIN BATTLE TANKS, GUIDED
SSMS AND UNGUIDED SSMS WOULD BE LISTED FOR EACH TYPE
OF UNIT. FOR THE AVIATION FORMAT, ACTUAL PERSONNEL
STRENGTH, DUAL PURPOSE COMBAT AIRCRAFT OAP&T (OPERATIONALLY
AVAILABLE COMBAT CAPABLE AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING COMBAT

CAPABLE TRAINERS) AND CONVENTIONAL COMBAT AIRCRAFT OAP&T FOR EACH COUNTRY AND MILITARY DISTRICT (MD) WOULD BE BROKEN OUT BY ROLE AS AIR OFFENSIVE, AIR OFFENSIVE/AIR DEFENSE, AIR DEFENSE AND SOVIET DOMESTIC AIR DEFENSE (APVO). THE US REP EMPHASIZED THAT TO MAKE FORCE COMPARISONS, THE CATEGORIES MUST BE CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE DATA BASE AND NOT DIFFER BETWEEN WARSAW PACT AND NATO, NOR DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY BETWEEN NGA COUNTRIES AND NON-NGA COUNTRIES. MOST NATIONAL REPS WELCOMED THE SIMPLIFIED FORMAT AND RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF HAVING CONSISTENT DATA THROUGHOUT THE DATA BASE. THERE SEEMED TO BE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR THE CATEGORIZATION SUGGESTED IN REF B, EXCEPT THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT SOME CATEGORIES OF SAM INFORMATION WERE REQUIRED.

3. NO DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING WAS ESTABLISHED, AND IT PROBABLY WILL NOT OCCUR BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE FDMA GROUP MAY 16-20, 1977.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE REF MESSAGES PROVIDE SUFFICIENT GUIDANCE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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